

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1047  
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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study local government modernization.

WHEREAS, each government in Tennessee has no greater charge than operating in such a way as to sustain the full faith and trust of our fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance that local governments in Tennessee should be responsive and accountable to their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the need for local governments to be fiscally accountable and use scarce public resources both efficiently and effectively has never been greater; and

WHEREAS, all local governments are required to issue financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles; and

WHEREAS, to assure that local governments maximize the use of taxpayer dollars by utilizing appropriate expenditure methods and eliminating overlapping government functions requires review and investigation; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly should review and address this important topic in an expeditious manner to the benefit of all Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the modernization of local government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall investigate and review the operations of local governments in Tennessee including, but not limited to, financial accounting and reporting standards, audit review and internal audit functions, financial

management, cost controls and authorizations, as well as, compliance with existing statutes and regulations to provide fiscal accountability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall consist of a total of eleven (11) members: the Comptroller of the Treasury, who shall serve as chair, the chairs of both the House and Senate State and Local Government Committees, the chairs of both the House and Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committees, the chair of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, the commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development, the executive director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, the executive director of the Tennessee Municipal League, the executive director of the Tennessee County Services Association and the Governor's Policy Chief.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall be convened by the Comptroller of the Treasury in his capacity as chair, and at its first meeting shall elect a vice chair and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly no later than February 1, 2005, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.